

Date: April 28, 2006

To: Chairman Randolph, and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Huguenin and Remy

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

A. PERSONNEL & BUDGET

Tony Beccera has joined the Commission's Enforcement Division as an Investigator I. Tony has worked for the Yolo and Tehama County Probation Departments. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University Northridge in Sociology and Chicano Studies.

The Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review's subcommittee on state administration discussed the level of funding proposed for the Commission in the Governor's 2006-07 Budget on April 26th. Senator Ortiz also made a request to the subcommittee to increase the Commission's budget to \$9 million annually. The subcommittee took no action on the Senator's request, and left the Commission's budget open pending enforcement statistics requested by the subcommittee's chairman.

B. STAFF PROJECTS

The Technical Assistance Division provided campaign outreach in Berkeley and Corte Madera (Barbara Smith and Lynda Cassady); San Pablo and Rosemead (Cynthia Jones) SEI outreach in Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and Yuba County (Teri Rindahl and Tara Stock) and Huntington Beach (Teri Rindahl), and a campaign filing officer workshop in Oxnard (Trish Mayer).

The Legal Division's Senior Commission Counsel Bill Lenkeit delivered a "revolving door" presentation to officials of the Energy Commission on Thursday, April 27, 2006.

The Communications Office continues to answer a steady stream of media inquiries. Staff also posted the Commission's public records policy on its website, developed a new, color format for news releases, added a new "Contacting the FPPC" button at the lower left of the home page and revised the contacts page in an effort to make it easier to use.

C. CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Code Adoptions and Amendments: Pursuant to Government Code section 87300 and Commission regulation 18750.1, state and multi-county agencies seeking to adopt or substantively amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the proposed code to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical Assistance Division has reviewed and, since the last agenda, I have approved the following conflict-of-interest codes:

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, State of California
California Cultural and Historical Endowment
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine
East Bay Regional Park District
Dunsmuir Joint Union High School District

Exemptions: Pursuant to Commission regulation 18751(c), I have granted the following entities exemptions from the requirement to adopt a conflict-of-interest code:

California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery Task Force
Medication Errors Panel

D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to regulation 18361, I have found evidence in the following cases sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that the following respondents committed or caused a violation of the Political Reform Act. **This finding of probable cause does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The respondents are presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding.**

Elizabeth Pierson, FPPC No. 05/382. On March 28, 2006, probable cause was found to believe that Respondent Elizabeth Pierson, a consultant to the City of Westminster, failed to file an Assuming Office Statement of Economic Interest by the March 28, 2005, due date, in violation of section 87300 of the Government Code.

E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Commission regulation 18404.1 requires that state-candidate-controlled committees organized for elective state office be terminated pursuant to specified deadlines. Pursuant to the regulation, the following requests for extension of those termination deadlines were submitted to the Executive Director:

Friends of Manny Diaz (1251657) A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until September 2, 2006.

Team Noel 1998 Committee (980051) A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until September 1, 2006.